

STATE AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Agricultural Preservation Program – the agricultural preservation program provides capital funds and technical assistance to prevent the loss of coastal agricultural lands to other uses by acquiring interests in such lands, installing agricultural improvements and protective measures, and arranging for long-term agricultural ownership and management. For more information contact: California Department of Conservation at (916) 324-0850.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Category III Grants – offers grants to public and private entities to develop and fund non-flow related ecosystem restoration actions to improve the health of the Bay-Delta. For more information contact: CALFED Bay-Delta Program; Kate Hansel at (916) 657-2666.

California Conservation Corps (CCC) – offers grants to federal and state agencies, local governments, city and county agencies, non-profit organizations, school districts, and private industry for projects that provide a natural resource or other public benefit, and provide corps members with education and training in employable skills. Contact: California Conservation Corps, Marketing and Development Division at (916) 341-3100.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) – offers grants to private landowners for reforestation, site preparation, land conservation, and fish and wildlife habitat improvements. Contact: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (800) 738-tree.

California Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) – the California Department of Conservation administers grants and provides technical assistance for RCDs. For more information contact: California Association of Resource Conservation Districts at (916) 447-7237 or visit their website at <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/index.htm>

Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) – provides funding to watershed groups to develop and implement a program that will double natural production of anadromous fish in Central Valley streams. For more information contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Castleberry at (209) 946-6400.

Coastal Resources Grants (Part A) – California Resources Agency offers grants to any local coastal county or city. Requires at least one public hearing be held on the subject application. For projects to be used for the purposes of planning, assessment, mitigation, permitting, monitoring and enforcement, public services and facilities, and other activities related to offshore energy development, consistent with the requirements of the state's ocean resources management program. Contact: Coastal Resources Grant Program Coordinator, California Resources Agency at (916) 653-5656.

Coastal Resources Grants (Part B) – the California Resources Agency offers grants to any local coastal county or city with an approved local coastal program to help local coastal counties or cities improve the management of the state's coastal resources. Contact: Coastal Resources Grant Program Coordinator, California Resources Agency at (916) 653-5656.

Coastal Restoration Program – the Coastal Restoration Program provides capital funds and technical assistance to ameliorate conditions that are preventing orderly development in accordance with the provisions of local coastal programs, principally including resolution of issues concerning inappropriate historic land divisions (“anti-quoted subdivisions”), by providing technical assistance in resolving land-use disputes and, where necessary, through acquisition and re-consolidation of properties. The California State Coastal Conservancy has retired more than 600 inappropriately planned subdivision lots. For more information contact: California State Coastal Conservancy at (510) 286-0749.

County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund – provides funds for fish and wildlife protection, conservation, and propagation. For more information contact: County Fish and Game Advisory Commissions.

Delta Tributary Watershed program (Proposition 204) – provides funds to counties or joint powers authority in which a county is a partner, to fund watershed rehabilitation projects in waters tributary to the Delta and their associated watersheds. For more information contact: State Water Resources Control Board; Ken Harris at (916) 657-0876.

Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs (ERPP: Restoration) – the CALFED Bay-Delta Program offers funds to state and federal agencies, special districts, local government entities, universities, resource conservation districts, non-profit organizations, individuals and other organizations for ecosystem restoration programs and projects to improve the health of the Bay-Delta ecosystem and to assist in the restoration of priority aquatic and terrestrial habitats. For more information contact: Kate Hansel, CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (916) 657-2666.

Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs (ERPP: Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting) – the CALFED Bay-Delta Program offers grants to state and Federal agencies, special districts, local government entities, universities, resource conservation districts, and non-profit organizations to assist in monitoring, assessment and reporting activities related to the species, habitats, and stressors of concern and associated restoration activities. For more information contact: Kate Hansel, CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (916)-657-2666.

Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs (ERPP: Planning) – the CALFED Bay-Delta Program offers funds to state and Federal agencies, special districts, local government entities, universities, resource conservation districts, non-profit organizations, and individuals to improve the health of the Bay-Delta ecosystem. Proposals will be considered for the development and implementation of watershed management plans that support the priority species and habitats identified. Projects must be within the Bay Delta and its tributary watersheds. Contact: Kate Hansel, CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (916) 657-2666.

Enhancement of Fish and Wildlife Habitat on Private Lands Program (PLM Program) – the PLM program offers ranchers and farmers an opportunity to increase their profits by improving habitat for wildlife. The economic incentive provided is in the form of offering fishing and hunting opportunities to the public beyond the traditional seasons, and issuing tags or permits directly to individuals you allow to hunt or fish on your land. The landowner sets and collects whatever access and service fees they wish. The landowner pays a fee to be in the program, pays for the tags/permits, develops an approved management plan, and implements the agreed upon wildlife habitat improvements. For more information contact: PLM Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 653-7203.

Environmental Education Grant Program – provides funds to state and local agencies and nonprofit partners to develop and implement educational opportunities relating to energy conservation, environmental protection, and use of natural resources. For more information contact: Bill Andrews, California Department of Education at (916) 657-5374.

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) – California Resources Agency offers grants to any local, state or federal agency or non-profit entity for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. Projects must have a direct or indirect connection to the environmental impacts of a transportation project. For more information contact: EEMP Coordinator, California Resources Agency at (916) 653-5656.

Environmental License Plate Fund – the Resources Agency provides grants to public agencies to acquire land or easements, to protect, enhance, and restore natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat, and related water quality, and to purchase sensitive natural areas for additions to State, regional, and local park systems. For more information contact: California Resources Agency at (916) 653-5656.

Environmental Water Program – Provides funding for enhancement and restoration projects which will contribute significant environmental benefits to the state. For more information contact: David Rolph, California Department of Water Resources at (916) 445-8259.

Extending Biologically Integrated Farming Systems – provides funds to farmers to maintain yields and quality while reducing reliance on agricultural chemicals. For more information contact: U.C. Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education at (530) 752-7556.

Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) – the California Department of Conservation FMMP produces and provides maps and statistical data used for analyzing impacts on California's agricultural resources. Data is routinely provided to the private sector, local, state and federal agencies. For further information contact: California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program at (916) 324-0850 or via their website at www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/FMMP/index.htm.

Fish Timber Tax Credit Program – provides funding for fish habitat restoration including improvement of stream conditions, land use practices, and stream flow patterns. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (707) 839-3378.

Fishery Restoration Grants Program – provides funding to private, public, and nonprofit entities for salmon and steelhead restoration, cooperative fish rearing, and public education. For more information contact: Harvey Reading, California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 654-6505.

Forest Improvement Program of California – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers grants to any private individual, group, association, or corporation for reforestation, site preparation, erosion control, revegetation, and fish and wildlife habitat improvement. Contact: California Forest Improvement Program, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-9447 or the Forestry Assistance Hotline at (800) 783-8733.

Forest Legacy Program – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers funds to protect significant forest resources including wildlife habitat, rare plants, biodiversity, riparian habitat, oak stands, water quality, fisheries, and old growth on California's private forestlands by allowing landowners to voluntarily sell or donate conservation easements to their land. Contact: Jim Geiger, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-8286.

Forest Stewardship Program – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers grants to resource conservation districts, counties, and other entities for forest stewardship, demonstration, education, and assistance. Contact: David M. Soho at (408) 335-9148 or call the Forestry Assistance Hotline at (800) 783-8733.

Geographic Initiative: Bay/Delta Ecosystem (Clean Water Act, Section 104) – provides funds to public and non-profit organizations to support implementation of wetlands and agricultural initiatives (including vernal pools and Northbay). For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Sam Ziegler at (415) 744-1990.

Habitat Conservation Fund – California Department of Parks and Recreation offers grants to cities, counties, and special management districts for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of

wildlife habitat and significant natural areas. Contact: Odell King, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Local Services Section at (916) 653-7423.

Inland Wetlands Conservation Program – the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) has made significant contributions toward achieving the specific objectives outlined in the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture Plan. These contributions will ultimately result in the restoration, enhancement and protection of critical habitat necessary to support the millions of migratory waterfowl dependent upon the Central Valley of California. A similar program, focusing specifically on riparian areas, is WCB's recently established Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (RHCP). Contact: Wetlands Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board at (916) 445-1093.

Klamath Ecosystem Restoration – provides funds to private and public organizations for restoration of watersheds and riparian areas. For more information contact: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Steve Lewis at (541) 885-8481.

Klamath Fisheries Restoration Program – provides funds to public and private organizations for salmon and steelhead restoration, habitat protection, and education. Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Ron Iverson at (530) 842-5763.

Land Conservation Act/Open Space Subvention Program – the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly referred to as the Williamson Act, enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use. In return, landowners receive property tax assessments that are much lower than normal because they are based upon farming and open space uses as opposed to full market value. Local governments receive an annual subvention of forgone property tax revenues from the state via the Open Space Subvention Act of 1971. For further information contact: California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection at (916) 324-0850.

National Recreational Trails Fund Act – the California Department of Parks and Recreation provides funds to state and local agencies for the acquisition, development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related restoration. For more information contact: California Department of Parks and Recreation at (916) 653-7423.

Near Coastal Waters Program – provides funding to implement innovative environmental improvement projects in specific coastal watersheds and offshore waters. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1990.

Nonpoint Source Water Quality Improvement Grant – the State Water Resources Control Board offers grants to nonprofit organizations for projects that improve or protect water quality that is impaired or threatened by nonpoint source pollution. For more information contact: Pablo Gutierrez, State Water Resources Control Board, Nonpoint Source Unit, Division of Water Quality at (916) 657-0793.

Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program – the Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program provides capital funds and technical assistance to nonprofit land conservation organizations to aid them in implementing California State Coastal Conservancy projects and in developing cost-effective local management of resource land and public access facilities. The California State Coastal Conservancy has joined in partnership endeavors with more than 100 local land trusts and other nonprofit groups. For more information contact: Janet Diehl, Program Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy, Nonprofit Grants Program at (510) 286-0749.

Partnerships for Wildlife – the California Department of Fish and Game provides funding to state, local, and private organizations to support projects that conserve a variety of wildlife species and that provide opportunities for public use. Eligible activities include resource management, restoration, research and acquisition. An equal match is required from both state government and a nonfederal entity. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 654-3828.

Proposition 117 – requires that the state of California commit \$30 million a year for a specified period of time to habitat protection related to the protection of mountain lions as well as other habitat needs. The California State Coastal Conservancy is required to be funded at a level of \$4 million a year for habitat protection activities related to Prop. 117, including wetlands protection. The Wildlife Conservation Board is required to be funded at a level of \$10 million annually. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board at (916) 445-1072.

Resource Enhancement, Planning and Acquisition Grants – the California State Coastal Conservancy offers grants to state and local public agencies, and non-profit organizations for the preparation of plans for the enhancement and restoration of significant coastal and Bay resource and habitat lands which would be used in implementing the proposed project. The resource enhancement program provides capital funds and technical assistance for the preservation, enhancement and restoration of wetlands, watersheds, riparian corridors, and other wildlife habitat lands, including acquisition of interests in land, and for technical and scientific services necessary to design and implement such projects. For more information contact: California State Coastal Conservancy, Resource Enhancement, Planning and Acquisition Program at (510) 286-4183.

Riparian Habitat Conservation Program – the Wildlife Conservation Board offers grants to federal, state or local agencies, special districts and nonprofit conservation organizations to protect, restore, enhance and acquire riparian habitat along rivers and streams statewide. Contact: Scott Clemons, Riparian Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board at (916) 445-1072.

Salmon and Steelhead Trout Restoration Account (SB 271) – provides money through 2003 for salmon and steelhead restoration on coastal streams outside the Central Valley. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 654-6505.

Salmon Stamp (Commercial Account) – provides money to restore salmon populations through habitat improvement, fish rearing and public education. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 654-6505.

State Revolving Fund – the State Water Resources Board provides funds to state and local agencies to finance municipal wastewater treatment facilities, implement a nonpoint source management program, develop and implement an estuary conservation and management plan, and other water conservation and pollution prevention projects. For more information contact: State Water Resources Control Board at (916) 445-3085.

State Wetlands Protection Grants – provides funds to public and private entities to develop new wetlands protection programs or refine existing protection programs. For more information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (415) 744-1985.

Steelhead Report Card – provides money for steelhead watershed plans and restoration, funded by sportfishing. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 654-1811.

Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) – the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers grants to private land-owners, owning between 20 and 1,000 acres (with approval up to 5,000 acres) for development of Forest Stewardship Plans and practices to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, riparian zones and wetlands, soil and water resources, rangeland, and timber. Contact: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-8286.

Transportation Enhancement Activities Program – the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) offers grants to projects related to, or in the area served by, any active or completed transportation project that involves federal transportation for conservation-related projects, including land and scenic easement acquisition, pedestrian and bike trail construction and enhancement, historic preservation and restoration, landscaping and other scenic beautification, archaeological projects, and the mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff. Contact: California Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement Activities Branch at (916) 654-5275.

Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program – provides funds to agencies for salmon and steelhead restoration and wildlife mitigation. For more information contact: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at (916) 628-5949.

Urban Forestry Program – the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers grants to cities, counties, community groups, and other nonprofit organizations to establish tree planting programs that will enhance the livability of urban areas. Contact: Dave Neff, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (909) 782-4140.

Urban Streams Restoration Grants – the California Department of Water Resources offers grants to local governments in partnership with nonprofit organizations to assist communities in reducing damages from stream bank erosion, watershed

instability and floods while restoring the environmental and aesthetic values of the streams, and to encourage stewardship and maintenance of streams by the local community. Contact: Sarah Densler, Program Manager, California Department of Water Resources, Urban Streams Program at (916) 327-1656.

Urban Waterfront Restoration Program – the urban waterfront program provides capital funds and technical assistance to protect, restore and expand coastal-dependent recreational, commercial and industrial facilities and to expand opportunities for public access and use of urban waterfronts in conjunction with new development, including the provision of technical assistance to landowners and local governments and through land acquisition and the construction and restoration of facilities. The California State Coastal Conservancy has assisted in the completion of more than 100 urban waterfront projects. For more information contact: Marc Beyeler, Program Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy, Waterfronts Program at (510) 286-4172.

Vegetation Management Program (VMP) – the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection provides funds to private landowners for the use of prescribed burns to manage brushlands. The program provides benefits in the areas of fire hazard reduction, range improvement and wildlife habitat improvement. For more information contact: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-2380.

Violations: Department of Fish and Game – the California Department of Fish and Game collects fines and penalties for violations of their regulations. Some of this revenue becomes available for habitat restoration projects and are often administered by county Fish and Game Commissions. For more information, contact: your local Department of Fish and Game biologist or County Supervisor and ask about the activities of the County Fish and Game Commission.

Water Conservation Bond Law Program – provides money for water conservation and groundwater recharge. For more information contact: California Department of Water Resources at (916) 445-8259.

Waterfowl Habitat Program of California – this program pays private landowners for following practices in department approved management plans. Activities include increasing food supplies, providing optimal water depth for foraging birds,

and offering summer wetlands for breeding birds. For more information contact: California Waterfowl Association at (916)-648-1406 or the California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 653-5284.

Section 205j Water Quality Planning Grants – The State Water Resources Control Board offers grants to local public agencies and special districts (resource conservation districts, water districts, councils of governments, city and county agencies) for watershed management planning projects to reduce, eliminate, or prevent water pollution and to enhance water quality. Contact: Paul Lillebo, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality at (916) 657-1031.

Section 319 Water Quality Nonpoint Source Grants – the State Water Resources Control Board offers grants to non-profit organizations, government agencies and educational institutions for the implementation of nonpoint source pollution management practices including best management practices (BMPs) for agricultural drainage, physical habitat alteration, channel erosion, urban runoff. Contact: Ken Harris or John Ladd, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality at (916) 657-0876.

Watershed Enhancement Program – provides funds to local public agencies and nonprofits for watershed restoration programs. For more information contact: California State Coastal Conservancy at (510) 286-1015.

Wetland Easement Program – this program was initiated to protect Central Valley wetlands. Conservation easements are legal agreements that allow landowners to sell some “rights” on portions of their land to the state. In exchange for cash, the owner agrees to restrict farming and development and assures the easement land remains a wetland in perpetuity. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game at (916) 445-1093.

Wildlife Restoration Fund – provides public and private organizations with funds for habitat conservation and restoration in priority conservation areas. For more information contact: California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board at (916) 445-1072.

Aberland Foundation West c/o Common Counsel – supports biodiversity and sustainable agriculture and environmental health. For more information contact: Susan Beardry, Common Counsel at (510) 644-1904.